

## SINNOTT FOR LAM, IN BUS BUS

Secretary Writes B. R. T., Manhattan Line Answers 'Imperative Need.'

## IGNORES LEGAL RULING

Advises Garrison That the Brownsville Case Must Be Taken to Court Again.

## QUEENS RECEIVERS ACT

Ask Justice Gannon's Permission to Restrict Operation in Astoria.

John P. Sinnott, private secretary and son-in-law of Mayor Hylan, in the absence of the Mayor in Saratoga, placed the city administration on record yesterday as refusing to exercise the police power to halt the operation in Brownsville of the buses of the Manhattan Transit Company, a corporation of which Joseph H. Hoadley is president.

Mr. Sinnott took this attitude despite the fact that as long ago as 1913 Archibald R. Watson, then Corporation Counsel, had delivered an opinion holding that the franchise under which the Manhattan company operates was worthless, because unconstitutional, and for the additional reason that, even though originally valid, it had lapsed for non-use. John P. O'Brien, the present Corporation Counsel, as recently as last Wednesday affirmed that the Watson opinion still defined the legal attitude of the Corporation Counsel's office in the matter.

The Mayor's secretary justifies the position which he takes in the city's behalf on the ground that "there is an imperative local need for this bus operation."

Mr. Sinnott's letter is addressed to Lindsey M. Garrison, receiver of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, one of the B. R. T. subsidiaries. Mr. Garrison had written to Mayor Hylan calling attention to the alleged illegal operation of Mr. Hoadley's buses in Brownsville and calling upon Mr. Hylan, as the chief executive officer of the city, to enforce the law by stopping their operation.

**Sinnott's Reply.**  
In his letter to Receiver Garrison, dated yesterday, Mr. Sinnott wrote: "I am replying in the absence of the Mayor. I am informed that you, on behalf of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, a short while ago, obtained an injunction from Mr. Justice Cropper restraining a bus operation on the route referred to above, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Plant and Structures of the City of New York, on the ground, among others, that it affected the rights of your company in respect to lines it operated, some portion of which the bus route paralleled."

"This new bus operation, with which the city has no connection whatever, has been inaugurated since that time by a company called 'Manhattan Transit Company' under a claim of right to so operate. This claim that they make presents a conflict of private corporate rights as between that company and your company. The adjudication of what those rights are, if any, should be left to the courts, where a speedy authoritative determination can be had with reference to whether the Manhattan Transit Company operation is illegal or an invasion of corporate rights reserved to the city."

"The executive power of the city should not assume to decide this judicial question, since it cannot do so with impunity and a remedy in the Supreme Court is available for the immediate decision thereof with finality."

"If, as you state, this Manhattan Company is operating without a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Transit Commission, that Commission is free to restrain the operation in an appropriate proceeding under the authority of Public Service Commission vs. Kurland, 91 Misc. 432."

"The operation of buses in this particular neighborhood is urgently needed, and it was for that reason that the Commissioner of Plant and Structures inaugurated an operation which you procured the cessation of through the injunction of Justice Cropper. Since there is an imperative local need for this bus operation and since the bus operation, the legality of which you question, is serving a practical need and is not attended with any undue disorder, nothing further can be done by the executive power of the city in the matter other than what has already been done."

**Transit Board Ready.**  
At the office of the State Transit Commission, Commissioner LeRoy T. Harkness said that, if the matter were brought officially by letter or otherwise to the attention of the commission, that body would not hesitate to take appropriate action in the premises. Receiver Garrison's appeal has been directed solely to the Mayor. His reply is signed "John P. Sinnott, secretary to the Mayor."

The activity of the Hoadley buses, however, was challenged from another direction yesterday. Slaughter, W. Huff and Robert C. Lee, receivers for the old Stearns lines of the New York City and Queens County Railway Company, applied to Supreme Court Justice Gannon, in Brooklyn, for permission to bring an action for an injunction restraining the operation of the Transit Commission from operating the Brownsville bus line from East New York to Astoria, Long Island City.

Like Mr. Garrison, counsel for the receivers, James K. Foster, argued that the Hoadley Corporation is operating under a nine year old franchise which is invalid and illegal under the Transit Commission law and further, that more than the company never has applied for or received from the State Transit Commission the requisite certificate of convenience and necessity which the law prescribes. By agreement of both sides the matter went over and will be reopened before Justice Gannon next Monday.

## NEGRO'S DREAM LEADS 500 IN VAIN SEARCH FOR GOLD

First One Family Combs Ruins and Gradually Crowd Grows—House Wreckers With Contract to Raze Brooklyn Building Get Work Done Free.

Mrs. Alice Allen, a negro woman, who lives in the neighborhood of Varet street and Broadway, in Brooklyn, had a dream a week ago. She saw the ghost of a man who had been killed in a wrecking of a road house at 157 Atlantic avenue many years ago, and the ghost told her that if she would search in the lower part of the old house she would find a pot of gold. But the search, the ghost said, must begin at midnight and must stop at dawn.

That night the woman, her husband, her three sons and two daughters searched all night. They found no gold, and the next morning Mrs. Allen told one of her friends under pledge of secrecy.

The following night the friend's family joined the Allens. But still no gold was found, and that day the friend told one of her friends.

That night the crowd that searched the old house numbered forty. But they found no gold, and the crowd grew larger.

The next night the crowd of negro men and women that prowled about the old house while a policeman watched and grinned numbered more than a hundred, but they found no gold.

And so on until yesterday morning more than 500 men and women, all negroes and all desperately in earnest in their belief in the existence of the pot of gold, searched the old house. During the previous day a house wrecking company made an estimate on the job of razing the building, but when his men went there yesterday morning they found nothing for them to do. The crowd of negroes had literally taken the house to pieces and piled it into the street.

But so far as the police could learn they found no gold, although there are many rumors of fortunes found. One man is said to have found a paper box with \$2,000 in bills in it. Another is said to have found an old flannel shirt with \$321 in it, and to prove that this was true, Mr. Allen produced the shirt.

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## AGILE OF THIEVES GET \$5,000 SILKS

Piece Goods Vanish From 7th Floor Despite Barred Doors and Windows.

## BURGLAR ALARM FAILS

Theory of Inside Job Upset Because of Difficulty of Passing Grills.

Silks worth nearly \$5,000 were stolen boldly from the M. Edison Silk Co.'s show room and laid at 36 East Thirty-first street on Tuesday night and presumably carried away in a truck or an automobile.

The robbery presents a series of mysteries. It is not known how the burglars obtained access to the building or the Edison premises. It is not known how they managed to convey a great quantity of silk from the seventh floor to the street, and it is not known how they got away with it once they reached the street.

The building is filled with manufacturers of silk goods, gowns, waistcoats and so on, like many other buildings in the neighborhood. There is a night watchman, and the Edison place is guarded by alarm grills designed to give an alarm in the office of a private detective and watchman agency. This concern has a branch office three blocks away and a patrol ready for duty a good part of each night.

The protective grills were closed over a possible entrance to the Edison premises, including the doors of the three elevators. Not one of these grills nor any windows nor any doors were forced.

Mr. Edison said there was a possibility that the work was done from the inside by someone who remained hidden in the premises until after midnight and then removed a panel from one of the doors in the rear. If this was done and the panel replaced, there still is the explanation of why the alarm was not set off.

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## W. J. BRYAN INDORSES Hylan's TRANSIT PLAN

Writes Mayor Congratulations for 'Courageous Step.'

Mayor Hylan's plan for transit expansion with the approval of William Jennings Bryan. From the Mayor's office in the City Hall was made public yesterday this letter, which had been received from "The Peerless One" while Mayor Hylan was still absent:

"My dear Mr. Mayor: It happened to be in town when your transit plan was being discussed. I believe, as four of our national platformers have said, that a private monopoly is insupportable and intolerable and that, competition in street railways being impossible, the transit system of a city comes within the definition of a natural monopoly. The people, acting through the Government must, therefore, own and operate it for their own protection and in their own interest."

"I congratulate you upon the courageous step you have taken and wish you success in the carrying out of the plan."

## TRAIN AT MT. VERNON KILLS MAN IN STORM

Rain Sweeps City—Two Hurt After Car Tieup.

A heavy rainstorm broke over the city last night during the rush hour and water went into the subways at many points, but no delays resulted. The Weather Bureau gave the precipitation during the storm as .56 inch.

William G. Parker, aged 58, of Brooklyn, employed by the Radium Frac Company at Mount Vernon, was killed by a New Haven train at Mount Vernon during the storm. He was part way to the station when the rain fell and he ran back up the tracks toward the factory to get the umbrella he had left there. He was struck by a train and killed.

Two persons were injured and a dozen passengers shaken up when two surface cars collided in East 19th street near Manhattan avenue after the storm. The collision occurred after a long line of cars had become stalled on the hill between Columbus and Manhattan avenues. A pool of water collecting at one end of the block had caused a short circuit and the power was shut off for nearly a half hour.

When the power was turned on again a car operated by John Moore of 130 Park avenue, The Bronx, started off at full speed and ran into the rear of a car ahead, shattering all the windows and crushing the rear portion of the latter car.

## DENIES SHE'S DIVORCED AND ASKS FOR DECREE

Mrs. Demarest Says She Was Not Served in Husband's Suit.

Mrs. Maybelle R. Demarest of Edgewater, N. J., has filed suit for divorce in Hackensack from Daniel R. Demarest, a real estate man. The pair were married in New York June 18, 1904, at the Little Church Around the Corner. Mrs. Demarest before her marriage was an actress. She says that her husband left her in 1910. Mr. Demarest replies that he has already obtained a divorce from the plaintiff. She asserts the earlier divorce is invalid, alleging that she was never served in the suit.

A final decree of divorce has been granted to Charles I. Van Wageningen, a real estate man, formerly of Westbrook, N. J. The suit was heard a year ago last February before Vice-Chancellor Lewis in Jersey City. Mr. Van Wageningen accused his wife of being intimate with a boarder in their home.

## BLOOM HELD IN \$15,000 ON BUCKETING CHARGE

Woman Alleges Her \$19,000 Was Never Invested.

D. J. Bloom, an alleged partner in the stock deals of Harold L. Sinking, indicted with the latter for grand larceny and bucketing, was arrested yesterday by Detective Bernard J. Flood, before Judge Koenig in General Sessions, he was held in \$15,000 bail, which he furnished, pending examination. Sinking is in the Tombs in default of \$15,000 bail.

The indictment was returned on the complaint of Mrs. E. E. Hato of 22 East Sixty-seventh street, who told the police that she gave the two men \$9,025 on December 27 last and \$10,000 more on January 27 last to be invested in stock. She alleged that Sinking charged that the money was not invested for her.

## METAL RATES TO DROP 40 P. C. TO WEST INDIES

Conference Lines to Meet German Competition.

A 40 per cent. reduction in freight rates on iron and steel products was agreed to by the conference of foreign shipping companies. Ports affected are in the Virgin Islands and British and French West Indies. The cuts go into effect with the sailing to-morrow of the Martinique for West Indian ports.

Other lines will participate in the new rates, which were made by conference agreement with the German shipping companies, especially Germany, whose services to the West Indies have been increased of late and whose freight rates have been far under the American level.

## BOY IS KILLED IN FIGHT; LAD OF 18 IS ARRESTED

Victim Struck First Blow, Is Defense.

An unidentified boy about eighteen years old was killed last night when Angelo Garibaldi, 18, of 47 King street, struck him in the chest with his fist. Garibaldi was locked up on a technical charge of homicide.

Garibaldi told the police that he and Andrew Jann, 17, of 555 Greenwich street, met the other boy, and that the stranger struck him. The boy then followed Mrs. Garibaldi's husband, and Garibaldi struck him at the middle of the street. Dr. Vance, Assistant Medical Examiner, was nearby and the boy fell across his wife's body. He was sent to Flower Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

## LABOR ATTACKS SOVIET FAMINE RELIEF FUND

Condemn Collectors for Withholding Inspection.

The Central Trades and Labor Council, at a meeting in Beethoven Hall, 210 Fifth street, last night passed resolutions condemning the Friends of Soviet Russia for their refusal to allow a committee representing organized labor to investigate their famine relief fund. The council also appointed a committee to request Mayor Hylan to name a labor representative on his full commission. Another committee was designated to ask Gov. Miller to remove Industrial Commissioner Henry B. Sayre.

## Actress Shows New Police How They Should Walk

ROOKIES at Police Headquarters yesterday received instruction in the art of walking. Ann Garrison, an actress, showed them the correct way to maintain when standing and at other times, and she entertained them by toe dancing and demonstrations of leg exercises.

She said she had noticed that most men put their heels down flat when walking, which action she contended was improper.

## H. A. PASTOR ARRESTED IN STOCK TRANSACTION

Woman Says He Never Made Delivery on Purchase.

Harvey A. Pastor, 25, who is alleged to have swindled stockholders of the Urban Motion Picture Co., 71 West Twenty-third street, through stock transactions in which he represented himself to be an agent of the company, was arrested yesterday at the Hotel Astor, where he said he made his home. Mrs. Christina Usateter, of 1811 Palmetto street, Ridgewood, Queens, said Pastor called at her home a month ago and accepted from her \$350 for twenty-one shares of stock in the picture concern which were never delivered. When she communicated with the firm she was told that Pastor was not known to it or connected with it, she said. When arrested, Pastor was told that he was not guilty. He was held in \$10,000 bail.

## MOTORS MEET HEAD ON DURING RAINSTORM

Four Persons Hurt in Crash on Boston Post Road.

Four persons were injured in a head-on automobile collision at Burke street and Boston avenue last night, during the rainstorm last night, and three were taken to Fordham Hospital for treatment.

Alphonse Rosensweig of Burke street and Bronx Boulevard, The Bronx, who was operating his automobile when it came in collision with the machine operated by John Ruhl of 3333 Oliveville avenue, The Bronx, was taken to Fordham Hospital. Mrs. Ruhl, who was with her husband, was in Ruhl's machine, was cut about the head.

## BOOTLEGGERS' GUARD PREVENTS 'DISHONESTY'

Watchman Tells of Troubles of His Employers.

A man who said he was A. F. Dercole of 154 Sullivan street, and who declared that he was a bootlegger, told Magistrate Overway in the night court last night at the arraignment of two men charged with illegally trespassing on liquor that bootleggers have to hire watchmen nowadays, because so many people are dishonest.

"A new one on me. Suppose you bring your bootlegger employers to court, so we can interest the District Attorney and see if we can't break up the bands who rob them."

Dercole said he would do so. The men arraigned were Charles McBride, 51, a negro expressman of 23 West Twenty-sixth street, and Thomas Pratt, 24, 209 West 118th street, his helper. Both men were held in \$500 bail for examination to-day.

## CHINESE FAILS TO WED GIRL, 17, AS ARRANGED

Clergyman Knows Nothing About Ceremony.

Lee Du may have been married to his seventeen-year-old sweetheart, Fong Or Chin, yesterday, as he was held in default of \$1,000 bail, but a prominent figure in Chinatown, being president of the Chinese-American Citizens League and owner of several opium houses. The bride was from Canton, a month ago and it was a case of love at first sight for both. Because of her youth Lee had some difficulty in getting the marriage license, but the obstacle was overcome when the girl's attorney was appointed as her guardian.

The couple obtained a license on Wednesday and announced that they would be married yesterday afternoon in the Morning Star Mission in Doyers street. The Rev. Mr. Lee To, Methodist minister at the mission, who was to have conducted the ceremony, said he knew nothing about the wedding. Nobody else in Chinatown knew about it, either, and Lee Du and his bride could not be found.

## CITY EXPERTS DISPUTE TELEPHONE VALUATIONS

Buildings Worth \$30,167,535, Not \$39,003,200, They Say.

At the hearing on rates before the Public Service Commission yesterday the valuations place on its real estate holdings and buildings by the New York Telephone Company were disputed by experts for the city.

The telephone company's value, its land holdings at \$8,683,340, while the city's experts fixed their value at \$7,446,498. The difference lay largely in the valuations placed on the buildings at 104 Broad street, 99 Broad street, 18 Cortlandt street and 15 Deey street.

The company places the value of its buildings at \$39,003,200, while the city's appraisers held them as worth only \$30,167,535. The hearing will be resumed to-day.

## FIRE NEAR THEATER; PATRONS UNDISTURBED

Audience Calm, Unaware of Proximity of Blaze.

Although firemen worked on a fire in the alley adjoining the Acme moving picture theater, 54 East Fourth street, last night, 1,500 or more patrons inside watching the show were unaware of the blaze just outside on Fourth avenue.

The fire was among a lot of accumulated rubbish in what used to be an old boiler room when the site of the Acme Theater was occupied by the old Union Square Theater. The damage was negligible.

## JAMAICA MAN CONTESTS WILL OF HIS FATHER

The will of Alexander Reiling, a widower of Jamaica, which is contested by his son, Alexander Jr., stated that although the father was 60 years of age and blind in one eye, the son did nothing toward supporting his father. This is given as the principal reason why the father cut him off with but a \$50 bequest.

## MAN DROWNS; BOY IN ARMS IS SAVED

Loses Footing as He Carries Five-Year-Old Child From Crowded Steamboat.

A man carrying a child in his arms slipped off the pier at Sixty-second street and the East River, where the steamer Grand Republic docked last night with excursionists, and was drowned as he and the child plunged into the water. The man's body did not come up. The child, John Ryan, 5, son of Mrs. John Ryan, of 224 East Seventy-sixth street, was rescued by Joseph Genevieve, 18, of 1105 First avenue.

The drowned man was Bernard Sloane, 30, of 220 East Seventy-sixth street. He was one of the members of the Yorkville branch of the Sons of Irish Freedom, who had been on their annual outing at Roton Point, Conn.

As the boat docked there was a rush to get off, and the excursionists crowded ashore. Sloane picked up the Ryan boy to keep him out of the crowd and helped him up the gangplank, and when they got ashore lifted him to his shoulder. To avoid the crowd he started to walk along the stringer, when he lost his footing. Mrs. Ryan and others raised an outcry.

Genevieve, who was on the pier, dove in directly and saved the child, swimming to the bulkhead where the boy was lifted up. Sloane's body, it was believed, was carried away by the current. The rescued boy was attended at Flower Hospital.

## ANGELIC BISHOPS TO END SYNOD TO-DAY

Prelates of West Indies Begin Pastoral Letter.

The seven Bishops who have been attending the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of the West Indies began the preparation of the pastoral letter yesterday. This letter, in the report of which has been accomplished at the session of the synod and will be sent to all the churches in the archdiocese.

Because of the illness of the Lord Bishop of Barbados to-day's session will be held in the synod headquarters at 1 Madison avenue. The pastoral letter will be completed to-day, after which the synod will come to a close.

## GIRL, SCOLDED, KILLED IN FOUR STORY PLUNGE

Mother Had Reprimanded Her for Staying Out Late.

Estelle Corrigan, 17, who lived on the fourth floor of a tenement at 200 West Sixtieth street, fell or jumped out of the window of her home last night and died. This letter, in the report of which has been accomplished at the session of the synod and will be sent to all the churches in the archdiocese.

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